



**Riverside  
University**  
**HEALTH SYSTEM**  
Public Health

January 11, 2019

Contact: Rebecca Antillon, Program Coordinator II  
Injury Prevention Services  
Riverside University Health System – Public Health  
Office: 951-358-7177 Cell: 951-358-7175  
Email: [RAntillon@ruhealth.org](mailto:RAntillon@ruhealth.org)

## **Riverside County public health program receives grant to encourage teens to drive safely**

Riverside County health officials have been awarded a \$150,000 grant to reduce the incidence of distracted, impaired and drowsy driving among Riverside County youth.

The Be Wiser Youth Traffic Safety Project will be accomplished by providing education and training to middle and high school youth at 12 school sites across Riverside County. Public Health will also engage youth in opportunities to promote safe driving habits among their peers and educate parents on the dangers of unsafe driving practices among youth.

“We want our teens to be safe on the roads. It’s something our entire Injury Prevention Services staff feels passionately about,” said Kim Saruwatari, public health director.

Funding for this project is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

To learn more about the Injury Prevention Services program, go visit [www.rivcoips.org](http://www.rivcoips.org).

##